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Application No.: 09/658,778

Filing Date: September 11, 2000

Applicant(s): Ghassan SEMAAN

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING  
SONET FRAMES INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS  
TO OPTIMIZE BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION

Examiner: Ahmed Elallam

Art Unit: 2616

Attorney Docket No.: 10.0524

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## For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### Complete if Known

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#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

##### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims      Extra Claims      Fee (\$)

\_\_\_\_\_ - 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid (\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims      Extra Claims      Fee (\$)

\_\_\_\_\_ - 3 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid (\$)

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#### 4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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Fees Paid (\$)

\$790.00

#### SUBMITTED BY

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